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E. O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PINS, PINR, NU  
SUBJECT: SOMOZA SAYS DEAD FSLN GUERRILLA IS NOT CARLOS  
FONSECA AMADOR

REF: MANAGUA 4180 AND PREVIOUS

1. GENERAL SOMOZA TOLD THE AMBASSADOR OCTOBER 31 THAT THE GON HAS NOW ESTABLISHED TO ITS SATISFACTION THAT THE UNIDENTIFIED BODY OF THE FOURTH SANDINIST NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT (FSLN) GUERRILLA KILLED BY THE NATIONAL GUARD AT NANDAIME SEPTEMBER 18 IS NOT REPEAT NOT THAT OF FSLN CHIEF CARLOS FONSECA AMADOR. ACCORDING TO SOMOZA, THE SISTER OF CARLOS FONSECA EXAMINED THE BODY AND STATED THAT IT WAS NOT HER BROTHER BECAUSE IT DID NOT POSSESS CERTAIN IDENTIFYING MARKS OF WHICH SHE WAS AWARE. SOMOZA SAID THE GON HAD OBTAINED A SECOND SET OF FINGERPRINTS WHICH ARE PURPORTEDLY THOSE OF FONSECA BUT THEY DO NOT MATCH THOSE OF THE DEAD BODY.

2. IN SPITE OF THIS IDENTIFICATION, FAUSTO AMADOR, A MANAGER OF SEVERAL OF SOMOZA'S LARGE PRIVATE ENTERPRISES, STILL INSISTS THAT THE BODY CURRENTLY IN THE MANAGUA MORGUE IS THAT OF HIS SON CARLOS FONSECA AMADOR. SOMOZA HAS THEREFORE AGREED TO RELEASE THE BODY TO DON FAUSTO WHO WILL BURY IT AS HIS SON. HOWEVER, SOMOZA WILL ARRANGE TO PLACE A DISCLAIMER IN THE NEWSPAPER TO THE EFFECT THAT THE OFFICE OF NATIONAL SECURITY HAS

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NOT BEEN ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT THE BODY IS ACTUALLY CARLOS FONSECA

AMADOR.

3. SOMOZA INDICATED THAT HE BELIEVES CARLOS FONSECA IS  
CURRENTLY IN COSTA RICA.

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